Will Cut Off Port Arthur Completely and Then Send As-/ sistance to Oyama.

By Paul Lambeth.

little change in the war situation in the fur East is shown by to-day's dispatches, it is ovident that the Japanese grip on Port Arthur is steadily tightening, and that the aim of General Nogi is to hasten the work of reducing the outer cofenses so that a much smaller force will be sufficient to cut the sarrison off electually from all communication on the land side, willo the torpedo boats maintain an inipenetrable blockede of the harbor. This will enable Nogi to release the greater part of his army to the assistance of Marshall Oyama, who seems to have settled down for the winter, confident that the Russians cannof add any considerable number of men to the present strength of their army, and that he will be able in the early spring to take the field with an overwhelming force, and either annihilate or compel the refinement from Manchuria of the Russian army.

Japanese advices indicate that the Mikado's government is in no mood to listen to talk of a compromise at this singe of the campaign. The Japanese are confident of achieving a complete victory before many months, and do not with to imperil the dearly bought roward of their rave struggle by encouraging the interference of European mations in the Manchurian dispute. Port Arthur was lost to the nation as a result of European intervention, after it had been won from China and the Japanese do not intend to risk a reputition of that experience as a culmination to the present struggle.

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MISSIONS FEEDING THE CITY'S POOR

Hundreds Will be Given Christmas Dinner To-morrow. Barrels of Toys.

Christmas Day was celebrated at the ence of one hundred and fifty that filled chapel to overflowing and Mrs. Buchanna delighted everyone with her splendid

evening a handsome Christmas present was given these popular Salvation Army

was given these popular Salvitton Army workers.

Mr. Wiley who is making marriages a specialty, was again in demand on Sunday, uniting in marriage Mr. J. W. Bargage and Miss Maggie Ison, both of Atmala, Ga. A large gathering of friends was in attendance who enjoyed a fine Christmas dinner after the ceremony. The knot was tied at the residence of a friend of the bride at Twenty-fourth and Main Streets.

place to-morrow at 1 o'clock. Last year two persons of all creeds and from all parts of the city were fed. One hundred fro fod at a time, and the master of the Nineteenth Street Mission says that he hopes to feed ten instalments this

A committee of ladies will be on hand A committee of ladies will be on nature to-day from 10 o'clock in the morning until night, to receive contributions at the dinner. Mr. John P. Branch, president of the Merchants National Bank, and a patron of the mission, has promised to be present and make a speech suitable to the occasion.

Christmas at First Lutheran. The Christmas entertainment of the First English Lutheran Sunday-school will take place to-morrow evening at 7:45, and a most interesting programme will be rendered.

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IN A HEAVY FOG

Moisture Has a Dampening Effect on Yuletide

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)

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LONDON, December 26.—While very the city is enveloped in a fog so thick that street nights are almost invisible a

struggic.

From St. Petersburg come reports that the military authorities there ridicule the idea of the Japanese being able to put another army in the field as strong as the present. They claim that Japanese military strength has already been exhausted by the demands of the campaign, and that from now oh, she may be expected to meet with serious reverses on both land and sea. The assertion is made that in a very short time Kuropattin will have an army of five hundred thousing and mon at his command, and that he will sweep the Japanese back into Korea or into the sea.

Military experts here say the Russiana home county until 1887, when he came is more county in the season of Medicine, in 1860.

ROUNDS TO DRAW

GLOUCESTIER, MASS. Dec. 26.—Gus Ashley, of Fall River, and "Blink" McCloskey, of Philadelphia, Tought afteen rounds to a draw before 400 spectators at the Gloucester Athletic Club to-day. In the last round McCloskey broke a tendon above the wrist of his right arm.

FATAL CHRISTMAS ROW Richard Young Kills Andrew Page and Wounds Two Brothers.

Englishman Knocked Out.

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(By Associated Press.)

SALEM, MASS., Dec. 28.—Jimmy Welsh, of Boston, knocked out Harry Brodigan, of London, after two minutes and thirty seconds of fighting at the Apollo Athletic Club to-day. The men met for a ten round bout, and for a couple of minutes they appeared on even terms. Then Walsh causti Brodigan on the 190 minutes they appeared on even terms. Then Walsh caught Brodlgan on the jar with a terrific right-hander. The Englishman collapsed and was counted out.

Travelers' Banquet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., December 26.—The annual, banquet of Roanoke Council at Commercial Travelers took place at Hotel Roanoke to-night, and was a brilliant affair. About four hundred were at the

DR. MILLARD HAS BEEN

CALLED TO GEORGIA

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 28.—Rev. K. W.

Millard, D. D., who is well known in this
city, has been called to the pasterate of
the Ponce de Leon Baptist Church. Dr.,

Millard is at present pastor of the Eutaw
Place Baptist Church, of Baltimore.

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AN ORDINANCE

passage. BEN T. AUGUST, City Clerk.

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The keeper shall remove all decorations whenever, in his oninon, it may be necessary or proper to do so.

No trees growing within a lot or border, or in or on the side of any avenue, wake or path shall be removed, destroyed or mutilated, nor shall any tree or shrub larger than a monthly posebush, be placed on a lot, or border of same, without permission of the Committee on Cemeteries, mission of the Committee on Cemeteries, in the shall, by means of their roots, branches or otherwise, become detrimental to the adjacent lots or avenues or paths, or dangerous or inconvenient to passengers they may be removed by order of the committee, and they shall have the right to enter into the lot and remove the said trees or shrubs, or such parts thereof, as are thus detrimental or inconvenient.

BEIN, T. AUGUST, City Clerk. Dec 27-5t

SEALED PROPOSALS.

\$30,000 MARTINSVILLE. VA., BONDS.

UNTIL JANUARY THE 14TH, AT 12 o'clock M., senied bids will be received for \$20,000 of 5 per cent, tax receivable coupon, thirty-four cent Electric Plant Bonds of the town of Martinsville, Va. or any part thereof. This is the first issue of \$30,000 o per cent, bonds authorized by the vote of the copie in the content of the copie in the

Central State Hospital.

William F. Drewry, M. D.,
Superintendent, Poteysburg, Va.
SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHing this Hospital with Supplies for the
quarter ending March 31st, 1905, will be
received until 8 o'clock P. M. January 7,
1905. The Special Board reserves the
right to reject any or all bids.
All supplies to be delivered at the
Hospital free of charge.
List and character of articles needed
may be obtained at the Hospital or from
J. E. GRAVES, Sleward.

BEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE REcived at office of Treasurer, Southern Branch, N. H. D. V. S., National Soldiers Home, Elizabeth City county, Va., until 2 o'clock M. January 19, 1905, and men opened, for furnishing 8,000 bushels of oyser shells and 200 cubic yards sand, maccordance with instructions and specifications, copies of which, with blank proposals and other information, may, be had upon application to B. A. HENSON, Treasurer.

Commissioners' Auction Sale

Very Valuable Real Estate

New Kent County, James City County and King William County,

Farms, Timber Land and Town Lots in the Town of West Point, Virginia.

By virtue of the decree of the Circuit Court of N/w Kent county, Va., entered on the 21st day of December, 1991 in the chancery suit of Wm. P. Richardson ve. Lucy L. Garland et als., the undersigned Special Commissioners will self at PROVIDENCE FORGE, VA., IN FRONT

den and others, deed book 5, page 199.

(5) A certain tract of land in James City county, known as "Spraggins," bounded on the road leading from A. P. Richardson's Mill to Stage Road, by France Swanis and the lands of Worner Eames and others, and is the same tract of land conveyed to A. P. Richardson by deed from David Taylor and wife, deed book No. 2, page 59, and containing one-line of the part of

HERBERT 1. LEWIS, S. S. P. PATTESON. FRANK L. CROCKER, Special Commissioners,

Wm. P. Richardson.

Lucy L. Garland et als..... Defendants.

I. T. N Harris clerk of the said court,
do certify that the bond required of the
Special Commissioners by the decree rendered in said cause on the 21st day of December, 1904, has been duly given.

Given under my hand as clerk of the
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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS—THE LAST HALE OF CITY TAXES REAL ESTATE. AND PERSONAL, FOR 1994 IS NOW DUE AND PAYABLE AT THIS OFFICES THE PAYABLE AT THIS OFFICES THE CONTROL OF THE CONTROL indioni.

Particular attention is called to the above, as under an ordinance passed by the City Council there can be no avoidance of the penalty.

PRANIC W. CUNNINGHAM.

Dec 1-in Collector of City Taxes.

NOTICE.

City Auditor's Office, Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1204.

Holders of Registered and Coupón Bonds of the City of Richmond, Va.. Maturing January 1st, 1905,

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